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Rosalie A. Centeno, Secretary

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Re: New U.S. Patent Application – Peter Kreuter

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Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 24 pages specification, 6 pages claims (20), 1 page abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney, and 2 pages (8 figures) drawings in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of October 2, 2002, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 102 46 182.1. A certified copy of said patent application is filed herewith.
3. Also enclosed herewith is an assignment from the inventor, Peter Kreuter, to META Motoren- und Energie-Technik GmbH, Kaiserstrasse 100, D-52134 Herzogenrath, Germany, which you will kindly record at the Patent and Trademark Office.
3. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$415.00 * to cover the official fees of:

Basic fee	\$ 375.00**
Additional fees:	
Total number of claims in excess of 20 (# claims times \$18.00)	\$ 0.00
Number of independent claims in excess of 3 (# claims times \$84.00)	\$ 0.00
Assignment recording fee	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
TOTAL FEE	\$ 415.00

* It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

** Please note that the application qualifies for small entity status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(a)

Respectfully Submitted,

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